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MEMORANDUM FOR GENERAL WHITE

**Subject: Contingency Plans and Special Studies
Relating to Berlin (S)**

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1. Reference is made to your memorandum dated 16 February 1959, subject as above.

2. Enclosed is the reply that was forwarded to Mr. McElroy in response to his memorandum of 5 January 1959, subject: Supply of Berlin by Airlift.

3. Please note that I have suggested that Mr. McElroy receive a summary briefing on the results of the studies concerned. If this is agreeable to Mr. McElroy, I will request that you have a briefing officer prepared to make the presentation at the earliest practicable date.

[(Sgd)] N. F. Twining

N. F. TWINING
Chairman
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

**Subject: Contingency Plans and Special Studies
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**Reference: Memo for CJCS from SecDef Dated 3 January
1959, Subj: Supply of Berlin by Airlift**

1. A review of the Berlin airlift problem, particularly with respect to the questions you posed, reveals the following:

a. Preliminary studies on the jamming threat have been completed and are being reviewed presently by the Cambridge Research Center and the Air Technical Intelligence Center. These detailed and carefully analyzed studies will be available on 1 April 1959.

b. With respect to increasing our airlift capability by the installation of additional navigational aids or other emergency means, we have been guided by the extreme importance of not taking any actions which would cause the Russians to believe that we were preparing for another airlift. On this basis, CINCUSAFE has been directed to prepare a study or plan indicating requirements for communications and navigation aids to support the Berlin airlift under all weather conditions and in the presence of both severe and light jamming activity. The initial summary of this study will be available on 23 February 1959, and the final report, soon thereafter.

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c. CINCUSAFE has been advised of several actions he should be prepared to take to enhance his ability to conduct an airlift on a short notification basis. Examples of these actions are installation of specialized equipment in aircraft, immediate installation of unsophisticated navigation systems at Berlin airfields, and intensive air crew training in the presence of various measures of jamming.

d. The Berlin Airlift Contingency Plans have been brought up to date on an urgent basis, and only the Air Traffic Control Annex for a tripartite airlift, which is in the process of final coordination with the British and the French, is yet to be approved. This annex should be available by 15 March 1959.

2. In accordance with your request, you will be advised of the results of these studies. Since they will be in considerable detail, I would suggest that a short presentation, on the order of 15 minutes, highlighting the items of major importance would best satisfy your needs.

3. I am convinced that we are taking the necessary actions to insure that we are prepared to the maximum extent feasible to conduct a Berlin airlift, should such a decision be made.

N. F. TWining
Chairman
Joint Chiefs of Staff

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